Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2010

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended October 16, 2010, there were 525,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan during October 2010, a decrease of 2,300 from September 2010 but 5,200 more than the number employed in October 2009.

Agricultural employment was 44,000 persons in October 2010, up 1,700 from the September 2010 level but 2,700 less than the October 2009 agricultural employment level of 46,700. Non-agricultural employment was 481,800 persons in October 2010. This is a decrease of 4,000 from the September 2010 non-agriculture employment level of 485,800 but 7,900 more than October 2009.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2010 was 5.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the September 2010 rate of 4.9 percent and 0.7 percentage points higher than the October 2009 level of 4.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 900 to 554,400 persons in October 2010 from 555,300 persons in September 2010. This is 9,700 more than the October 2009 labour force of 544,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.1 percentage points to 69.8 percent in October 2010 from 69.9 percent in September 2010. The October 2009 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 28,500 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2010. This is an increase of 1,300 from September 2010 and is 4,400 more than the number unemployed in October 2009.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 525,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2010, down 1,000 from the September 2010 level of 526,800 but is up 6,000 from the October 2009 employment level of 519,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2010 was 5.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.2 percentage points from the September 2010 rate of 5.5 percent and 0.6 percentage points higher than the October 2009 rate of 5.1 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 36,800 persons in October 2010 to 17,285,200 persons from 17,248,400 persons in September 2010. In October 2009, there were 16,909,400 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 7.2 percent from the September 2010 level of 7.4 percent. In October 2009, Canada's unemployment rate 7.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.9 percent in October 2010. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than September 2010 and 0.5 percentage points lower than the October 2009 level of 8.4 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2010	September 2010	October 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,629.4	18,627.8	18,300.6	1.6	328.8
Employed ('000)	17,285.2	17,248.4	16,909.4	36.8	375.8
Full-Time ('000)	13,934.7	13,941.1	13,687.8	-6.4	246.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,350.5	3,307.3	3,221.7	43.2	128.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,344.3	1,379.4	1,391.1	-35.1	-46.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	7.4	7.6	-0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.9	8.0	8.4	-0.1	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	67.0	66.7	-0.1	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	554.4	555.3	544.7	-0.9	9.7
Employed ('000)	525.8	528.1	520.6	-2.3	5.2
Full-Time ('000)	435.1	428.4	423.8	6.7	11.3
Part-Time ('000)	90.8	99.8	96.8	-9.0	-6.0
Unemployed ('000)	28.5	27.2	24.1	1.3	4.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.9	4.4	0.2	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.7	5.5	5.1	0.2	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.9	69.6	-0.1	0.2
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,138.7	2,122.1	2,115.3	16.6	23.4
Employed ('000)	2,015.9	1,997.4	1,966.6	18.5	49.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,647.2	1,651.4	1,618.3	-4.2	28.9
Part-Time ('000)	368.7	346.1	348.2	22.6	20.5
Unemployed ('000)	122.8	124.7	148.7	-1.9	-25.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.9	7.0	-0.2	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	6.2	7.2	-0.2	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	72.7	72.2	73.3	0.5	-0.6
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	656.9	656.7	640.2	0.2	16.7
Employed ('000)	627.3	624.3	607.9	3.0	19.4
Full-Time ('000)	505.2	503.7	489.9	1.5	15.3
Part-Time ('000)	122.1	120.7	118.0	1.4	4.1
Unemployed ('000)	29.7	32.3	32.3	-2.6	-2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.9	5.0	-0.4	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.4	5.7	-0.2	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.9	69.1	-0.1	0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2010	September 2010	October 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	554.4	555.3	544.7	-0.9	9.7
Male	297.0	295.8	292.1	1.2	4.9
Female	257.3	259.5	252.6	-2.2	4.7
15-24 Years of Age	88.7	88.3	92.9	0.4	-4.2
25+ Years of age	465.7	467.0	451.9	-1.3	13.8
EMPLOYED ('000)	525.8	528.1	520.6	-2.3	5.2
Male	281.6	281.4	278.5	0.2	3.1
Female	244.3	246.7	242.1	-2.4	2.2
15-24 Years of Age	78.9	79.5	83.4	-0.6	-4.5
25+ Years of age	446.9	448.6	437.2	-1.7	9.7
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	28.5	27.2	24.1	1.3	4.4
Male	15.5	14.4	13.6	1.1	1.9
Female	13.1	12.8	10.6	0.3	2.5
15-24 Years of Age	9.8	8.7	9.4	1.1	0.4
25+ Years of age	18.7	18.4	14.7	0.3	4.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	5.1	4.9	4.4	0.2	0.7
Male	5.2	4.9	4.7	0.3	0.5
Female	5.1	4.9	4.2	0.2	0.9
15-24 Years of Age	11.0	9.9	10.1	1.1	0.9
25+ Years of age	4.0	3.9	3.3	0.1	0.7
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.8	69.9	69.6	-0.1	0.2
Male	75.6	75.3	75.7	0.3	-0.1
Female	64.1	64.7	63.6	-0.6	0.5
15-24 Years of Age	64.6	64.2	66.9	0.4	-2.3
25+ Years of age	70.8	71.1	70.1	-0.3	0.7

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October 2010	September 2010	October 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	44.0	42.3	46.7	1.7	-2.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.2	25.7	25.2	-1.5	-1.0
Utilities	5.6	5.2	4.7	0.4	0.9
Construction	41.1	41.5	41.1	-0.4	0.0
Manufacturing	32.4	31.9	26.7	0.5	5.7
Trade	80.6	78.8	77.3	1.8	3.3
Transportation and Warehousing	25.7	25.4	25.1	0.3	0.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.9	31.5	27.8	-1.6	2.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.2	20.8	21.3	-0.6	-1.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	9.9	10.4	12.1	-0.5	-2.2
Educational Services	40.6	40.6	41.7	0.0	-1.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	67.4	69.7	67.9	-2.3	-0.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.8	18.7	19.8	1.1	0.0
Accommodation and Food Services	29.6	30.1	29.3	-0.5	0.3
Other Services	27.2	26.7	23.8	0.5	3.4
Public Administration	27.5	28.9	30.2	-1.4	-2.7
Total	525.8	528.1	520.6	-2.3	5.2
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	435.1	428.4	423.8	6.7	11.3
Part-Time	90.8	99.8	96.8	-9.0	-6.0
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	424.8	424.6	418.1	0.2	6.7
Public Sector	129.9	131.0	134.4	-1.1	-4.5
Private Sector	294.9	293.5	283.7	1.4	11.2
Self-Employed	101.0	103.6	102.5	-2.6	-1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2010	September 2010	October 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,285.2	17,248.4	16,909.4	36.8	375.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.8	236.6	214.8	-8.8	13.0
Prince Edward Island	71.8	72.0	71.6	-0.2	0.2
Nova Scotia	454.6	460.7	458.4	-6.1	-3.8
New Brunswick	365.9	368.0	373.1	-2.1	-7.2
Quebec	3,971.2	3,983.4	3,858.1	-12.2	113.1
Ontario	6,699.5	6,659.3	6,573.1	40.2	126.4
Manitoba	627.3	624.3	607.9	3.0	19.4
Saskatchewan	525.8	528.1	520.6	-2.3	5.2
Alberta	2,015.9	1,997.4	1,966.6	18.5	49.3
British Columbia	2,325.4	2,318.6	2,265.2	6.8	60.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.2	7.4	7.6	-0.2	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.6	10.9	15.2	0.7	-3.6
Prince Edward Island	11.0	11.0	9.5	0.0	1.5
Nova Scotia	9.0	8.5	8.1	0.5	0.9
New Brunswick	8.5	8.2	7.1	0.3	1.4
Quebec	7.3	6.9	7.3	0.4	0.0
Ontario	7.7	8.3	8.1	-0.6	-0.4
Manitoba	4.5	4.9	5.0	-0.4	-0.5
Saskatchewan	5.1	4.9	4.4	0.2	0.7
Alberta	5.7	5.9	7.0	-0.2	-1.3
British Columbia	7.1	7.2	7.7	-0.1	-0.6

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	October 2010	September 2010	October 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,212.7	17,209.7	16,837.5	3.0	375.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	226.0	228.3	212.9	-2.3	13.1
Prince Edward Island	71.0	69.8	70.6	1.2	0.4
Nova Scotia	450.5	459.1	454.0	-8.6	-3.5
New Brunswick	362.1	362.3	370.0	-0.2	-7.9
Quebec	3,949.6	3,953.4	3,836.1	-3.8	113.5
Ontario	6,659.2	6,662.0	6,531.3	-2.8	127.9
Manitoba	625.3	623.7	606.1	1.6	19.2
Saskatchewan	525.8	526.8	519.8	-1.0	6.0
Alberta	2,021.2	2,004.2	1,975.1	17.0	46.1
British Columbia	2,321.8	2,320.3	2,261.7	1.5	60.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.9	8.0	8.4	-0.1	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.0	13.5	17.0	-0.5	-4.0
Prince Edward Island	12.9	13.6	11.4	-0.7	1.5
Nova Scotia	9.8	9.0	9.1	0.8	0.7
New Brunswick	9.8	9.8	8.3	0.0	1.5
Quebec	8.0	7.7	8.3	0.3	-0.3
Ontario	8.6	8.8	9.0	-0.2	-0.4
Manitoba	5.2	5.4	5.7	-0.2	-0.5
Saskatchewan	5.7	5.5	5.1	0.2	0.6
Alberta	6.0	6.2	7.2	-0.2	-1.2
British Columbia	7.4	7.5	8.0	-0.1	-0.6

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2010	September 2010	October 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.6	8.2	8.4	-0.6	-0.8
Halifax	6.8	6.7	6.8	0.1	0.0
Saint John	7.7	9.0	5.4	-1.3	2.3
Quebec	4.3	4.4	5.2	-0.1	-0.9
Montreal	8.3	8.5	9.0	-0.2	-0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.2	7.8	5.6	-0.6	1.6
Greater Sudbury	9.8	10.6	10.1	-0.8	-0.3
Toronto	9.3	10.0	9.5	-0.7	-0.2
Winnipeg	5.9	6.3	6.0	-0.4	-0.1
Regina	5.3	5.4	5.5	-0.1	-0.2
Saskatoon	5.3	5.8	4.3	-0.5	1.0
Calgary	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Edmonton	6.3	7.0	7.8	-0.7	-1.5
Vancouver	7.5	7.6	7.4	-0.1	0.1
Victoria	5.5	5.3	6.8	0.2	-1.3
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	166.8	167.5	155.2	-0.7	11.6
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.8	54.0	53.5	-0.2	0.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	169.1	170.8	174.2	-1.7	-5.1
Yorkton-Melville	41.7	42.5	41.1	-0.8	0.6
Prince Albert & Northern	98.3	97.1	97.3	1.2	1.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Aug-Oct 2010	Jul-Sep 2010	Aug-Oct 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	558.6	561.2	545.8	-2.6	12.8
Employed ('000)	529.1	530.8	518.5	-1.7	10.6
Unemployed ('000)	29.6	30.4	27.3	-0.8	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.4	5.0	-0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.3	70.7	69.8	-0.4	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	66.9	66.3	-0.3	0.3
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	517.3	519.3	507.4	-2.0	9.9
Employed ('000)	494.2	495.5	485.9	-1.3	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	23.1	23.8	21.5	-0.7	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.6	4.2	-0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.9	71.2	70.6	-0.3	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.7	68.0	67.6	-0.3	0.1
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	41.3	41.8	38.4	-0.5	2.9
Employed ('000)	34.8	35.2	32.6	-0.4	2.2
Unemployed ('000)	6.5	6.6	5.7	-0.1	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.7	15.7	14.9	0.0	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	64.1	65.0	60.9	-0.9	3.2
Employment Rate (%)	54.1	54.8	51.8	-0.7	2.3
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	16.8	17.3	14.8	-0.5	2.0
Employed ('000)	13.2	13.6	11.5	-0.4	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	3.7	3.3	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.2	21.6	22.2	-0.4	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	57.7	59.6	51.9	-1.9	5.8
Employment Rate (%)	45.4	46.7	40.4	-1.3	5.0
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Labour Force ('000)	24.2	24.1	23.6	0.1	0.6
Employed ('000)	21.3	21.2	21.1	0.1	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.9	2.8	2.5	0.1	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.1	11.8	10.4	0.3	1.7
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.1	68.4	0.0	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	60.8	60.9	61.3	-0.1	-0.5

Notes:

1. **The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.**
2. **The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.**
3. **All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)**
4. **Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.**

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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